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## RESOURCE CENTER

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### **Board of Directors Application Form**

Please use this form to apply for the Board of Directors of the Tenant Resource Center.

**What is your name?**

joan kemble

**What is your mailing address?**

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**What is your phone number?**

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**What is your email address?**

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**What is your occupation? Please include employer and job title if you are employed.**

retired

**Why are you interested in being on the Board of Directors for the Tenant Resource Center?**

Because it is an important justice-seeking organization that fills a vital need in our communities. I believe that housing is a human right; this country falls far short on this score. The Tenant Resource Center helps to right this wrong.

**What kind of experience have you had with the Tenant Resource Center?**

I have been a Board member for one year. I attended the Legal Seminar. I shadowed Melinda 5-6 times. I went to court.

**What do you think Tenant Resource Center's reputation is in the community?**

The folks I know think it is a great organization.

**What are some key issues for you in Madison and Dane County around rental housing and homeless services?**

There is not enough moderate and low income housing. High end development replaces the push for moderate homes; it also replaces moderate homes in some cases. Housing costs are rising. Of course, systemic racism and prejudice are serious problems. Resources are straining to fill the needs in the pandemic. The homeless folks need permanent housing; new creative approaches are needed. I understand that landlord associations donate to legislators, so laws are skewed in their favor.

**Have you ever been on a Board of Directors for a nonprofit? Please tell us about your Board experience, or if you've helped a nonprofit in other ways.**

TRC Board for one term. In Madison I have been active in Moses, an interfaith justice group that seeks criminal justice reform, and James Reeb Unitarian Congregation. In Connecticut I was involved with anti-racist groups, both social and environmental justice. Really, active with justice groups since the 1960's. Worked with CT organic farmers organization since the 80's.

**The Board of Directors makes sure the Tenant Resource Center is financially stable, the Executive Director shows good leadership, and that our "big picture" plans are in line with our mission: For Housing Justice in Wisconsin. What skills would you bring to this work?**

I ran a Voter Registration office in a town of 30,000 for 22 years. I do have people skills, and empathize with diverse folks.

I will do what is asked of me.

**Optional - Please check all that apply to you**

I am a private homeowner

**Optional - Please check all that apply. Tenant Resource Center believes people who have been homeless are an important part of our leadership and should be on the Board of Directors. Are you currently, or have you ever**

**Right now, the Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Thursday or every month from 6-8 PM. Does that time work for you? If not, what evenings would work for you once a month?**

yes

**Board Members also volunteer at least 3 hours each month doing things like fundraising and event planning, reading and writing policies, housing counseling with clients, etc. Can you make that commitment for at least one year?**

yes

**The Board communicates mostly by email, and reviews/edits documents on Google Docs and Google Drive. We have conference calls with Google Meet. We also do group texting on WhatsApp. Board members are given a Tenant Resource Center email address to use for Board business. Does that work for you? If not, what communication methods work best for you?**

yes

**If elected to the Board of Directors, are you willing to commit to a two-year term?**

No, I'm only willing to serve for a one-year term